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#### **CHAPTER 1**

## **Required Procedures for Civil Infractions**

#### 1.43 License Suspension

Insert the following language at the end of Section 1.43 on p 1-48:

Effective January 1, 2003, 2002 PA 741 amended MCL 257.321a(8)(b) and increased the driver's license clearance fees from \$25.00 to \$45.00. Under MCL 257.321a(11)(a)-(c), the court must distribute this new \$45.00 fee as follows:

- \$15.00 to the Secretary of State;
- \$15.00 to the local funding unit; and
- \$15.00 to the Juror Compensation Reimbursement Fund.

#### **CHAPTER 2**

### **Civil Infractions**

- 2.4 Parking, Stopping, or Standing
  - G. Civil Sanctions for Parking, Stopping, or Standing Violations
    - 1. Standard civil sanctions for parking, stopping, or standing violations

Insert the following language at the end of Section 2.4(G)(1) on p 2-14:

On leased vehicles, the leasing company may be held vicariously liable under MCL 257.675c(1) as "the person in whose name that vehicle is registered . . . at the time of the violation" for parking violations incurred by its lessees. However, the leasing company is authorized under MCL 257.675c(3) to recover damages from the individual who *actually* illegally parked the vehicle or to indemnify itself in a written agreement, i.e., the lease. See *Ford Motor Credit Company v City of Detroit*, \_\_\_ Mich App \_\_\_ (2003), where the Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's granting of summary disposition in favor of the City of Detroit after it attempted to collect approximately \$861,000 in unpaid parking fines from the Ford Motor Credit Company, the lessor of Ford Motor Company leased vehicles involved in approximately 22,000 parking violations.